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CENTRAL COLLEGE,

Bangalore, 23rd August 1899.

From

The Principal,

Central College, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to Govt. of Mysore,

Genl. & Rev. Departments,

Bangalore.

Sir,

In connection with the Residential Quarters for students of the Central College now in course of completion, I have the honor to bring before the Government for sanction a proposal which if carried out, will be of the very greatest value to the students of the College- both day students and residential students. This proposal refers to the provision of better accommodation for the College Library and Reading Room than we have at present, which I have ~~animaadverted~~ animadverted upon in several of my annual Reports on the College in past years.

At present ~~the~~ one room 45 ft. long and 16ft, wide has to serve both for the purpose of a Reading Room and a Library when it is not sufficient even for the purpose of a Reading Room for such a large College as this, it is besides adjoining the Junior F.A. class room and divided from it merely by a screen so that the noise of the class teaching makes it almost useless for students wishing to consult books or reading magazines quietly. The Library can no longer be fully accommodated in it and book cases have now to be placed in other rooms which is most inconvenient.

It is quite unnecessary that I should point out to the Government the inestimable value of good library provision for a First Grade College and of the utter inadequacy of our present arrangements, but the difficulty of making any proposal to the Government in

past years has arisen from the almost impossibility of suggesting any addition to the present College building which would not mar its fine architectural appearance. The proposal which I have now to suggest will not in any way interfere with this and will I am persuaded commend itself to the Engineering Department as being in harmony with the whole plan of our Students' Residential Quarters now being built

These Residential Quarters comprise two double storeyed blocks each 115 ft. long by 49ft wide being parallel to Avenue Road and standing 53ft apart with suitable blocks for dining &c at the back The dwelling blocks stand about 140ft. back from Avenue Road and I propose that a double storeyed building 100 ft long 40 ft. wide may be built in the same style of architecture as the Residential Quarters so as to stand 50ft. back from Avenue Road as shown in the accompanying ground plan and so as to conceal the back premises from being overlooked from Avenue Road.

The Library and also Offices of the Superintendent of the Students' Residential Quarters and the Librarian would occupy the ground floor of the building while the Reading Room and two or three small rooms for purposes of writing or quiet recreation would occupy the upper storey.

If the Government approve generally of my proposal, I shall consult with the Engineering Department as to details.

I would also venture to suggest that the Reading Room and Library might be provided with a gas or electric light installation which may easily be done seeing that the College is now provided with both and is close by on the other side of the road. This would be of the greatest value to the resident students as enabling them to enjoy the advantages of the Library and Reading Room upto a reasonable time say 9 or 9-30 P M. when all lights in the building would be put out.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

D.N.M.

Principal.

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Central College, Bangalore
11th October 1899

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From
The Principal
Central College, Bangalore

To
The Secretary to Govt. of Mysore,
Genl. & Rev. Departments

Sir,

With reference to my letter No 110 dated 24th August 1899 re a proposal for a new Library and Reading Room, I have the honor to report the following as confirmatory evidence of my statement that our present accommodation is now altogether inadequate for the Library and Reading Room.

About ten days ago the Librarian reported to me that some volumes of a set of the Edinburgh Review and Quarterly Review had been damaged by white ants, on examination I found that the damage was most serious, no fewer than 68 volumes of these Quarterlies having been more or less damaged in the binding or the edges. The case, in which these books were, stands with its back to a wooden screen which separates the Library from the Junior F.A. Classroom and this, I fear, was the route by which the white ants entered the case. It is just possible that all the damage was done in a night or two, perhaps between our closing on Friday evening and our opening again on Monday morning, for white ants are quite capable of as much mischief in this time. I cannot therefore assert that the accident was entirely due to carelessness on the part of the Librarian, though I have no hesitation in saying that he is deficient in smartness for his attention was called to the presence of the white ant mud in the case by the College Writer when he happened to pass through the Library.

This accident could not have happened if the Library were what it ought to be, namely, provided with a floor which is proof against white ants and having more accommodation for the book cases than the present one and I have thought it desirable to lay the matter before the Government as a proof of the reasonableness and the urgency of

my proposal for a new Library and Reading Room

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient serv:

Principal.

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My dear Mr. Croft.

With reference to your
letter No. 1960 dt. 11.8.98 I am
issued to inform you that Mr.
consignment upon the transfer
of Mr. Rhodes's office to
Bangalore the question of
providing accommodation
also for the Mysore Education
& Library Bangalore
is under the consideration
of Govt. and the matter
will be taken
up shortly.

Yours
Carl

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CENTRAL COLLEGE BANGALORE

D.O. No 239 — Edl. — 6 — Nov 5 1899

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Dear Mr Srinivasa Iengar

With reference to your letter of the 3rd inst enquiring whether I think that the Mysore Educational Library might not be amalgamated with the College Library, I beg to say that I have no objection to this provided that these books are under my care and control, as otherwise there would most likely be difference of opinion as to the classification and arrangement of the same

I have gone through the list and find the total number of books is

is 2798 but the Catalogue of Books added during 1897, 1898 and 1899 has not been sent so that, doubtless the whole number is 3000 of course many of these are of small size being for Elementary classes and a number are mere drawing and Copy books

I understand that the Educational Library books would be kept solely for consultation by teachers & others who might wish to see the different Text Books available in certain subjects

If Mr Bhabha would wish to have, his specimens of School furniture housed along with the Educational Library, I should Object to this The Director of Public Instruction Madras has not

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I think the number of specimens of textbooks may be kept separate and the library proper amalgamated with that of the Central Office. There cannot be much difference of opinion as to the classification of the books — Subject to Secretary's approval in connection with the proposed Library Account

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Please submit this letter with the file -

Under the circumstances the proposed amalgamation seems likely to lead to friction & is undesirable

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MYSORE P W DEPARTMENT,

CENTRAL OFFICE,

No 4381

Bangalore 14th September 1899

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore,
Bangalore

Ed 18/99
To
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The Secy to the Govt of Mysore
General & Revenue Dept.

SIR,

With reference to Government Proceedings No 2886-7 / Ed 116 of the 23rd ultimo, requesting me to favour Government with detailed proposals as to how the improved accommodation necessary for the Bangalore Central College Library and Reading room, may be provided I have the honor to request you will be so good as to forward Copies of the marginally noted correspondence on the subject, from the Principal of the College

I have the honorable,
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

Letter no 110 Dy 23 8 99
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J. Cameron Colonel,
Chief Engineer of Mysore

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MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT

No 4381

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore

Bangalore

To

The Secy to the Govt of Mysore Genl & Revs Depts

Dated Bangalore 4th Sept 1900

Despatched

Enclosure

SUBJECT

Requesting to forward certain copies of correspondence re accommodation necessary for the Bangalore Central Public Library & Reading Room

Submitted for orders (with d
Draft)

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To

13 The Chief Engineer,

in Mysore,

Dated 25th September 1900

SECTION Edl No 4583 &

FILE NO 180/99 Ed 158

SERIAL NO 7 No of Enclosures 2

Sir, As requested in your letter No 4381 dated 14th Sept 1900, I have the honor to forward herewith copies of letters No 110 and No 196 dated 23rd August 1899, and 11th October 1899, respectively. The enclosure to letter No 110 to be sent in original ~~which may be~~ & to be duly signed Returned to this office when done with.

From the Principal
Central College
Bangalore.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient Servt

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Secretary

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MYSORE P W DEPARTMENT

No 4682

From

~~The Secretary to the~~ Chief Engineer
~~Government~~ of Mysore,

To

The Secretary to the
Govt of Mysore
Land Revenue Dept.

Dated Bangalore, 28-9-00

Despatched

Enclosure No One Ground Plan

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Submitted the
question of sanctioning Rs 9 grant-
is for orders

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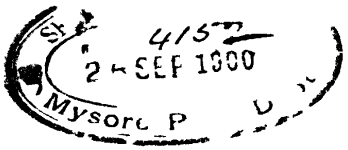
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed't Serv't

Jno Sanderson Colonel,
Chief Engineer of Oregon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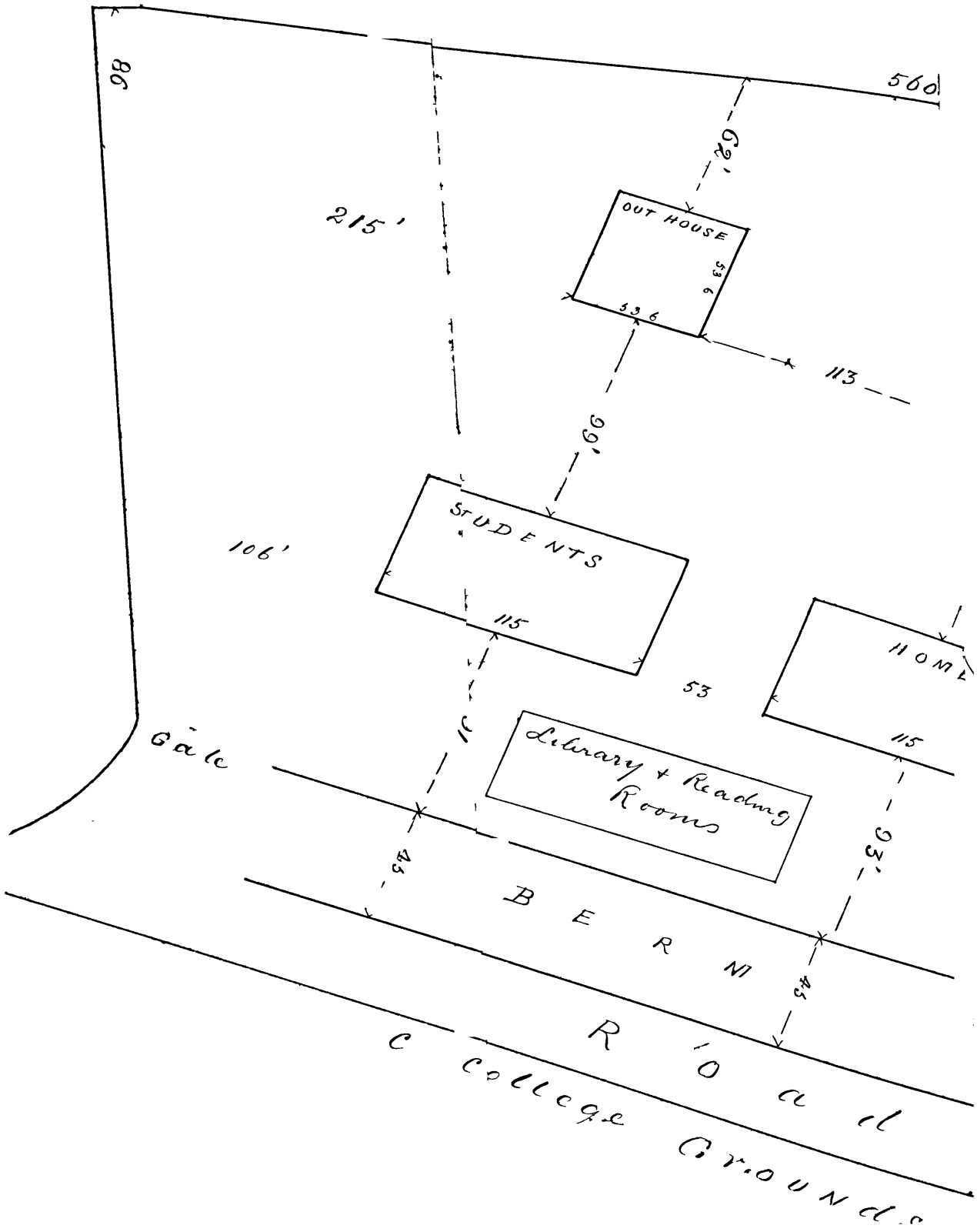
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STUDENTS' HOME GROUNDS

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CENTRAL COLLEGE
LIBRARY
23 AUG 1900

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Read.

Correspondence ending with letter No 4682 d. 28th September 1900 from the Chief Engineer of Mysore, on the subject of providing accommodation for the Reading Room and Library attached to the Central College Bangalore

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Order thereon No 5623-25 / Ed 207 ✓

Dated 23/10/00

Govt observe that owing to the present financial pressure they are not prepared to sanction a special grant for the proposed work. The Chief Engineer reports that no funds can be made available therefor from the reduced Provincial grant of the P.W.D and

and suggests that the 19
question might be considered
about two years hence the
Principal, Central College
will be informed accordingly.

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for Secretary

Tiles
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To

The Chief Engineer, Mysore
Principal, Central College, Bangalore
Dpt of Education, in Mysore

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From

The Principal,
Central College,
Bangalore

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The Secretary to Govt [illegible]
General & Revenue Dept

Sir,

With reference to Govern
Post Dept Proceedings no 5623-5 dated
Ed 207
23rd October 1900, I have the hon
to request that a copy of the
Chief Engineer's letter no 4682
dated 28 Sept 1900, referred
in the above proceedings of the
Government may be kindly
sent to me

I have the honour t
Sir
Your most obedient Ser

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To

the Principal

Central College

Bangalore

Mysore

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LBR A1 No

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No. Ed 223

Dated 5/11/00

Has letter no 1440 29th

Oct 1900

As requested in the above, has

the honor to forward herewith

Copy of letter no 4682 dated

28th Sept 1900 from the Chief

Engineer of Mysore

Registrar

for Secretary

1/11/1900